MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) Yes.
(*b*) It has not altered the prior rules in any way.

Gravelling the Valiakarimpuzha-Mannar Road.

372. ***MR. A S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken by the Chief Engineer on my letter dated 4-6-1109 with regard to the preparation of an estimate (excluding land acquisition charges) for gravelling the Valiyakarimpuzha-Mannar road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) A rough estimate of the cost of the work has been ascertained from the Division Officer, Quilon.

Travelling allowances of the Deputy Darbar Physician.

373. ***MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the sanctioned allotment under travelling allowance for the Deputy Darbar Physician, for 1108 ; and

(*b*) the actual amount drawn by Dr. Noble as T. A. in 1108 ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) There was no separate allotment under this head.

(*b*) Rs. 1,695-7-9.

Qualification of Dr. Simpson, Darbar Physician.

374. ***MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyatinkara II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what the medical qualifications of Dr. James Simpson, the present Darbar Physician, are, and from which University or Universities he qualified himself ; and

(*b*) whether he possesses, apart from the degree of general medicine and surgery, any degree or diploma from any recognised University specially qualifying him either in surgery or in medicine, and if so, what ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Glasgow University.

(*b*) No.

Excise Divisions.

375. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many Excise Divisions there are in the State ;

(*b*) how long it is since the present Excise Commissioner took charge of the Department ;

(*c*) whether the Excise Commissioner has inspected all the Divisions ;

(*d*) how many customs houses there are in the State ;

(*e*) how many customs houses there are in the Devicolam Division ;

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(*f*) whether the Excise Commissioner has inspected all the customs houses in Devicolam;

(*g*) if the answer to part (*f*) is in the affirmative, the dates on which he has inspected them; and

(*h*) if the answer to part (*f*) is in the negative, the reason or reasons for not so doing?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) Nine.

(*b*) Two years and two months.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Seventy-one.

(*e*) Eight.

(*f*) He inspected only the two important chowkeys *viz.*, Karincolam and Chinnar.

(*g*) Karincolam on 21-8-1109 and Chinnar on 22-8-1109.

(*h*) Inspection of the important chowkeys only was deemed necessary.

Inspection of shops by Assistant Excise Commissioners.

376. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Excise Assistant Commissioners have inspected the arrack, toddy, opium and ganja shops and tobacco and beedi wholesale license shops in their respective divisions this year (1109);

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the details of such inspections are being stated in their diaries sent to the Commissioner;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, what action the Excise Commissioner has taken in this; and

(*d*) whether the Excise Commissioner has made any personal inspection in the above shops during the course of this year 1109?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*b*).

(*d*) No.

Working of the Vamanapuram dispensary.

377. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there were complaints about the working of the Vamanapuram District Dispensary;

(*b*) what has become of the complaints;

(*c*) whether there is insufficiency of medicine supply to the dispensary;

(*d*) whether there was shortage of medicine in the dispensary at any time; and

(*e*) whether the patients that attend the dispensary there are properly attended to or not?

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